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## THINK ABOUT IT

*The Innocent and the beautiful have no enemy but time.*

- W.B. Yeats

### Editorial

Growing up is the act of stepping from childhood into adulthood. Actually it is more of a fearful leap that many people never really take in their life time. Though they may outwardly appear to be adults, even some successful adults never truly move away from their parents and parental influence. Perhaps because it is so poignantly personal to me, I feel I can best illustrate the essence of boarding school (Welham to me) and its magnitude by describing the giant step I myself took - fortunately very early in life. I was eight.

Although this step was a conscious decision, let me preface my account of it by saying that I had no awareness whatsoever at that time of what I was doing. I only knew that I was leaping into the unknown. All I saw was limited to my own bed, my own bag and my own so many different clothes. The only problem was that almost immediately after coming to Welham I became miserably unhappy. The reason was totally obscure to me then and still quite profoundly mysterious to me today. I just did not seem to fit. I did not seem to fit with the faculty, the students, the architecture, the social life, the total environment.



Yet, there seemed nothing to do other than mould my imperfections so that I could fit more comfortably into this pattern that had been laid out for me and that was so obviously the right pattern. And try I did, yet every vacation I argued and justified not returning to school, "I know it's a good school, but I am not going back.

"Why can't you adjust to it? Make another go at it", my parents said.

"I don't know," I answered, feeling totally inadequate. "I don't even know why I hate it so."

In retrospect I see my behaviour as partial defiance. Today I feel just the reverse about returning to school. Just the thought of returning as an 'Ex-Welhamite',---well it just all comes back.

Here let me for the final time say, "Guys here I leave you to fend for yourselves", before I get boring philo-sentimental (don't ask, just don't ask). Even as I conclude this editorial, I am told, typically -----"heavy senti stuff and all ya".

- Varun N. Bhaskar

## Through the Keyhole

One teacher complaining to another about the academic performance of boys in the class. "They do not know anything I do not know what to do I do not know what to say to them, I do not know how to handle them."

The other teacher, listening sympathetically, "I think we have to find a new Phylum for this"



Anurag Garg, a resident of Saharapur, is a tall boy who shuffles his feet and looks at himself and others. He is the only one who does not look at the outside of the school and is promptly.

B teaching X-A: "Morning glory (flower) has the fastest growth."

Charanjyot. "Ma'am does it grow in school?"

MB. "No, but I think it is there in Welham Girls' School".

Charanjyot: "Oh ma'am, they have crowning glories."

Ritesh: "Guess why Anurag is so tall?"

Puneet: "Why?"

Ritesh: "Because GUYS keep pulling his leg all the time!"

### THE WELHAM EVS PROJECT

The EVS department has undertaken a major project on *Paper Recycling*

We request the parents, old boys and interested members of the community to come forward with some help in the form of talks, illustrations, articles, film and slide shows etc.

We are looking for information on the above topic - Data, pictures or any other related material to help us in making it an informative and successful activity.

We'd like to use it as a means of enlightening and educating the community in general.

We welcome your suggestions through the-

Letters to the Editor  
The Oliphant  
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## Founders Day Speeches

### Excerpts from the Chief Guest Mr. Chudasama's Speech

Thank you for a few claps, our Chairman Shri Dharma Viraji, Principal Mr. Kandhari, all the trustees, charming mothers and fathers and all the scholars of the school. When I was sitting on the chair there I was thinking of two or three things. I said that the Dehra Dun crowd is a very strange crowd, they clapped only when 10 lakh rupees are given, so, I thought how will I match this? But when I saw everything, I thought that slowly things have started improving. I must also say - that I always say this is the honest truth - that to speak after any principal or teacher is very difficult for any other speaker because they have to speak methodically and they have a lot of sense and messages to give so both these things are difficult. So I always keep in mind this one little story which is about the chairman of a very big company. He was very fond of becoming a chief guest. He used to go to various functions accepting being a chief guest. His wife used to sit opposite him in the audience and before his turn she used to fold a little note and send it to him. It came on to the desk of the person next to the chief guest and he opened it, read it, closed it and gave it to him and said "Sir, you have a very affectionate wife". He asked why. He said "She has sent you a letter with KISS written in it". He said "You do not know my wife. That is code language, which means Keep It Short Stupid." This is exactly what I am going to keep in mind.

I always accept these kind of functions because I think that it is in the schools and colleges where I think we can establish some kind of a rapport and the main thing that I would like to say is - I put it in a very simple language - I say let us be positive. Let us talk about our educational system. Everywhere I go except today I am surprised nobody has discussed but otherwise generally people say the education in this country is not good, the curriculum requires to be changed. I have never heard anybody say that the Indian Education is good. I want to tell you I have been associated with various educational institutions and I can tell you one thing - that if in any part of the world good education

is given, India is not far behind because the Indian students today are getting complete education. I can prove it to you because I can tell you that I have known this - our students are much smarter, much brighter. Quite often you see the students going abroad and everybody performs far better and people ask why? I said because he had the grounding. Let us not keep on running down every time and every now and then that our education is not good, our schools are not good and that our system is cracking up. Let us bring them into the right perspective and let us make them positive, but one of the most important thing with the parents sitting is that let the parents change their attitude. I find that parents are now becoming farther and farther from their children and they are not aware of the indirect influence that they are having on their child's mind. Constantly they are discussing how to have a short cut in their business, how to make extra amount of money, how to wangle things. They are not realising that all this is registering in the small child's mind, who has a very fresh mind. Parents are also not realising that constantly they are running down this country. If you keep on running down the system and the nation I tell you in that case positive thinking can not come. When the hippy days came everybody started saying the same thing, again the negative thinking - now there is no hope for the world. That was the common phrase and I do realise that this was like that because there was a stage when the youth was getting a little confused. They were getting confused, they never had a direction. Thank God this country never faced it so much. We escaped those hippy days because basically we had a good educational system, we have good moral values in this country and I think we are going in the right direction in this country. You give any Indian, any young man a kind of an opportunity and he will shine. Today I was going around your exhibition and I was telling Mr. Dharma Vira, that how much talent we have in this country. There was a time when people said that this country will have starvation because we did not have wheat and had to import food from USA. Suddenly there was a suggestion. Some-

body said that we are going to have a green revolution. Can you imagine that today we are producing more than the people's requirements; we have surplus of the food stock. Have we ever praised this prospect of it that we made ourselves self sufficient and we had a green revolution? Some years ago our foreign exchange started going down. Then the people started going to the Middle East and our foreign exchange situation improved. Now again we have a foreign exchange problem and everybody says that our economy has crashed. I can guarantee, ladies and gentlemen, that this country's economy is going to be one of the most booming economies in this world. I am confident of it because I have positive thinking.

There are only two more problems in this country, one is the population explosion. It is alarming and why it is alarming because nobody has ever made any effort. Everybody talks about it, yes it is a big problem. What do they do, they make one little banner and put it on the roadside, "Practice Family Planning". You are to motivate people. One of the best things if you want to implement family planning - "Increase Education". You have 100% education, literacy and you see the population has gone down to one point. Somewhere one generation went wrong and people said that F.P. is bogus. There is a negative thinking but we have to correct that.

Another equally big problem is our political leadership. The politician is one who before election shakes your hand and after election shakes your confidence. Now why I am telling all this is because it is he who has given the most reason for us to have negative thinking. It is he who has justified corruption. I cannot understand how we can allow all these things to happen and just sit and watch. The new generation which is coming up must not shy away from politics - after all we are a democratic nation. In a democracy one of the most important things is the political machinery, I am very positive in my thinking and I always say to my foreign friends that this is one of the rare countries where democracy is working 100%. They say no it is ruled by one and I say no it not ruled by any particular family or anything. Democracy works.

In fact I had rightly said once when Mrs. Gandhi became powerful after she won the war. Mrs. Gandhi became arrogant and lost the election. People said goodbye Mrs. I, when she became all 'I'. I think the recent electioneering has proved that democracy works. People talk about capturing the booth, that's one percent of the entire election. Our media must become positive now. Its media that makes it look as if everything, all booths have been captured. Abroad they think booth capturing is quite common; I have not seen any booth capturing happening in Maharashtra, Gujarat or South. It happens in some area, one particular constituency or somewhere in Bihar or U.P. It may have happened but in a democracy the most important thing for the youth, for the new generation, is to become vocal, to demand things and that's why I would like to read one thing which Abraham Lincoln had said (and that is why I brought it. I will hand it over to your principal who can also pass it on to you for future). It says "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men", and another one says which is by Pursell "We must regard a man who takes no part in public affairs not as a harmless but as a useless character."

Now what I have come for is this and I have come all this way to tell you that I have come here to give a message to the youth of this country, that we want to be positive. We don't want to be a useless character. We don't want to succumb to the corruption or the wrong things happening in the democratic system but we want to make our democracy a stronger democracy. I think this is the most important aspect. If we make our democracy strong eventually the benefit will come to us. I was very surprised today when I went round the school to see that right from the youngest to the eldest there was enthusiasm, there was hope and there was a great spirit of enterprise. Let's not crush it as parents, but as responsible citizens let's build the generation and let's make them useful to this system of ours. I will never leave this country. I love this country. I think this is a positive country, this is a country of future. Let's do something constructive.

# Literary Affairs of Welham

## My success

The day of our English Recitation contest was coming near. I was participating in the contest. I had to select a poem. I spent a whole day in the LRC looking for a poem. Suddenly I found a book on a table - it was a book of poems I said "There I have found my poem. " here were many interesting poems in that book. I could not decide which poem to choose. I looked at a poem called "Stopping by the woods on a snowy evening" by Robert Frost. "I have found the best poem ever" I said to myself.

The day came for which I was waiting. I was worried and nervous. In the evening the participants were called to recite their poems. I was number ten. We also got a passage to recite. All of us recited well. At last our teacher announced the results. Unfortunately I came 2nd. But I was happy - I had succeeded.

- Nirvan Chaudhary  
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## Crying for Survival

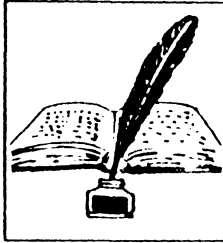
The whole of India wept  
And I did too,  
But for a woman I never knew.

I had just heard of her name,  
And about her spread fame,  
Oblivious of her position,  
Known her as a zypher of breeze,  
That passed by me.

But I did weep,  
To build up a facade of sorrow,  
To show my concern for her,  
And try and prove my care for  
such people.

And I did weep,  
To prevent my family weeping for me

- Kirtiman Singh



## Lazy Man

Once upon a time there was an old couple. They lived in the Himalaya mountains. The man was very lazy. His wife always got angry with him because he never did any work. One day they found that there was nothing left to eat. The wife got very angry with her husband and said to

him, "Till you bring some food you will not enter the house. "

The old man left the house, feeling very sad. He took a net in his hand to catch some fish. That evening he felt very happy because he had caught some fish. He was walking home merrily. On the way he met an old man who did not have any food to eat. He asked the man, "Why are you crying?" The poor man told him he was crying because he was hungry. The old man took him to his house and gave him fish to eat.

After that evening the old man went fishing everyday. Whenever he caught fish, he shared his food with a hungry person. His wife was very happy with him.

- Sri Ram Krishna  
3 B

## Little Bear

In the jungle there lived a little bear,  
Whose parents took of him great care.

His name was a bit funny  
He was fond of eating honey.

One day he was counting money.  
Thinking of buying some honey.

To the shop he went running  
He fell down with his money.

Crying and growling came the  
poor little bear  
Whose parents took of him great care.

- Ujjwal Kumar  
6-B

## Excuse Mania

Examination time is time for serious work. All the boys work very hard during the last month of the winter term. The boys, however, do not necessarily work hard on studies. Some boys are very busy trying "hard" to avoid studying. The reasons:-

Usually people curse the electricity department when the lights go off. But there are boys who just wait for this event. As darkness descends they jump into their beds sighing "God does not want me to study, so how can I go against God's wishes. Good night and sweet dreams." This certainly leaves the listener dreaming.

Then there are those who believe there is no point in studying. There are several forms of this. One is that they are discouraged. "In Accounts, Sir is giving us a very tough paper, so there is no point in studying. The English teacher is a MISER - she won't give marks. Maths is anyway too tough. The last subject commerce - what's the point studying for only one paper yaar". A typical PH special this. Some others say they are the followers of their principal Mr. Kandhari hope you are delighted. They do not believe in one exam, they believe that the actual test of a person's calibre is his Assessment card. So they work hard during the term and in the end. . . . . RELAX!

Those taking their board exams feel that if they study hard for their prelims then their mind will get SATURATED, therefore they will not be able to study for their board exams. One gets fed up of studying they say and is not able to study in the end, so they save their "will to study" for later time. Hats off to the Welhamites' excellent power of reasoning!

A few busy themselves making time tables all the time. Every time their programme goes awry they make a new time table. If questioned as to why he is doing so, he says "I am planning my work. Guys were saying that everything must be done according to a set plan". At other times he says "I'm taking a break. This is

according to my time table. I believe that change is the master key".

The PH guys generally transfer the blame on others. "What can I do yaar, someone has flicked all my books. How can I study?" One wonders that he can always borrow from someone but he moralistically asserts "What if someone flicks that too? How will I face the person who lent it to me?" What ideas! Others moan "Someone has flicked my bulb". So use the tubelights. "Someone has the starters too". In front of such excuses one gives up!

The eleventhies have their reasons too. One of them says "We just studied for our ICSE's yaar, now again. . . . NOT FEASIBLE". The other day guys were saying "Don't tell anyone but the actual reason is that these days I get no time from SCOPING so it is quite difficult to study. "

One just loves to hear the words "You are not sleeping enough". Promptly he bids adieu to his books. This remark in Welham is the ultimate recognition that one is studying hard. However even for sleeping there are excuses. A guy was supposed to wake up at 5 in the morning to study. However he woke up at 6:30. When questioned he said that he was dreaming of a race. So how does that make you get up late? "The race was . . . . . the Marathon". From now on people who don't want to study should start dreaming about five day cricket matches! Yours truly also has his excuse. "I was too busy with the Oliphant work. So how could I study. This was my last issue so I really wanted it to be good. "

One particular group of boys' believes (and it has started convincing others also):

The more you study the more you learn  
The more you learn the more you know  
The more you know the more you forget  
The more you forget the less you know  
The less you know the lesser your marks  
So WHY STUDY. . . . .

- Ritesh Khanna  
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## Welham Now

1. Our team came first in the Inter-school Athletics Meet held on 1st November at St. Thomas. It comprised Shallendra Sharma, Anurag Kumar, Vijit Singh and Rohit Sinha.
2. Results of the final round of the Interhouse Quiz: 1st Jamuna; 2nd Cauvery; 3rd Krishna and 4th Ganga.
3. Mr. Pavan Gupta gave an inspiring talk on rural development in the hall on the 29th. Quitting his job as Civil Engineer because of emotional dissatisfaction he along with his wife Anuradha began working in a village near Mussorie. He has expanded his activities and formed an organisation - SIDH.
4. An English Extemporary Debate for class 12th on the topic 'The Indian Youth has sold its Culture for a pair of jeans' was held on the 16th November. It evoked a fairly good participation and saw boys attired in Dhosis, Kurta and Pyjama to prove their point.
5. Winners of the English writing competition held on the 13th:

### Class 1

1. Anil Thapa Luhan-28, 2. Neha Joshi-30, 3. Gautam Mahajan-9

### Class 2 (A)

1. Siddharth Kumar-947, 2. Varun Gupta-950, 3. Manav Verma-943

### Class 2 (B)

1. Manish Garg-921, 2. Rahul Valsh-929, 3. Paritosh Kumar-927

### Class 3 (A)

1. Abhinav Mukharjee-891, 2. Nitin Bansal-894, 3. Gaurav Singh-878

### Class 3 (B)

1. Prateek Khurana-885, 2. Parimal Piyush-897, 3. Vatsai Sharma-895

7. Results of the Hindi Recitation Competition 'Junior school' held on the 30th:

### Class 1

1. Neha Joshi, 2. Sukant Goel, 3. Abhishek Aggarwal.

### Class 2

1. Ankur Gupta and Paritosh Kumar 2. Sarabhi Sarda 3. Varun Gupta and Rahul Valsh.

### Class 3

1. Siddharth Sharma 2. Sharad Chauhan 3. Parimal Piyush

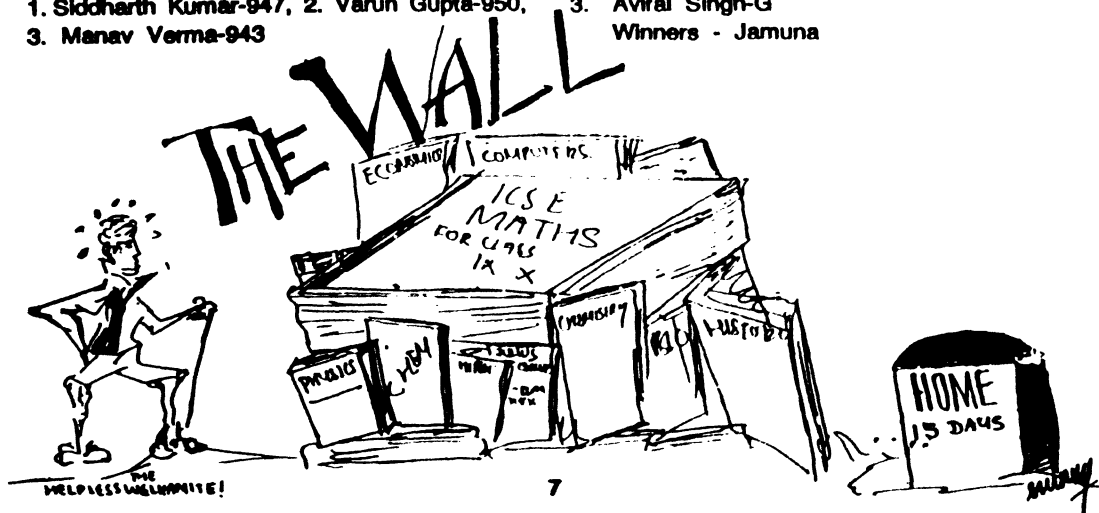
8. The Inter-House Hindi Elocution (senior school) brought laurels to the following:

### Section A (6-8)

1. Nikhung Gupta-J
2. Shallendra Singh-K
3. Anshul Anurag-G & Amit Sharma-J

### Section B (9-12)

1. Sharib Khan-C
  2. Anup Kumar-G & Vijay Bishnoi-J
  3. Aviral Singh-G
- Winners - Jamuna



## Minutes of the School Committee Meeting

1. Kirtiman Singh suggested that the Bank and Tuckshop Incharges should be made monitors. The Chairman agreed to it.
2. The Prefect Body suggested that School Colours be given from this term. The Chairman said that it would be discussed with the staff.
3. Atul Valbhav suggested that boys who do not go out on Diwali should be given crackers, but should not be charged from their pocket money. The Chairman agreed. Atul also suggested that a special buffet lunch or dinner with the principal or house-master be arranged. The Chairman said that this would be difficult, instead a better meal will be served.
4. Hitesh Mahajan asked whether the Chairman had taken any decision about the Scholars Scarf. The Chairman said that the design had yet to be fixed.
5. Vipul Bansal suggested that the new Basketball court should be converted into a play ground. The Chairman said it was not feasible owing to labour accomodation for the Multi Purpose Hall.
6. Another boiler will be installed in Triveni and PH and the solar panels will be repaired to ensure adequate hot water supply.
7. There should be counters in the School Stationary, suggested Prajwol Shreshtha. The Chairman said it was a good idea and he would look into it.
8. Shakti Aggarwal suggested that Third Language should be considered for distinction. The Chairman stated that it would be done from next year.
9. Anup Kumar suggested that the Literacy S.U.P.W. should be introduced. The Chairman said that the boys who are interested should go to Mrs. Deshpande.
10. Sunil Mittal suggested that there should be a group of boys to maintain the structure of the map of India. The Chairman said that it would be done by Mr. Khaira and his C. C. A. boys.
11. Dr. Saxena suggested that the Class XI exams be held in March. No decision was taken, discussion will continue.
12. Anurag Kumar suggested the introduction of the Games Blazer. This was not approved by the Chairman because he said it made no difference.
13. The Chairman said that the examination marks of the boys who went to Uttarkashi would be increased by 5%.
14. Mr. Khaira suggested that Saturdays & Sundays should be declared Hindi speaking days. The Chairman said it was a good idea but said it would be difficult to implement it.





# IN THE ARENA OF SPORTS

## VOLLEYBALL

The Interhouse Volleyball was played last month. It turned out to be a very close affair with the majority of matches stretching to five sets. There was a marked improvement in the standard of the game as compared to last year.

Winners : Krishna

Best Player : Puneet Mahajan

Best Spiker : Nitin Jain

Most Promising Player ; Manav Khullar

## CHESS

The Inter House Chess championships were held last week. One got to see quite an amazing display of skills of very young boys. In the end however experience paid as Prashant Kochhar led his team to victory.

Winner : Ganga

Man of the Tournament : Prashant Kochhar

## BASKETBALL

The Inter House Basketball too was organized last month. In all their matches to the final Krishna and Jamuna demolished their opponents. In the Finals, holders Krishna took on Jamuna. In the beginning it seemed that Jamuna would be bulldozed by their stronger opponents, but this was not to be. Jamuna displayed speed, strength and spirit which dazzled the Champions. Krishna made an impressive start and at one stage were twenty points up. They were in a comfortable position due to the excellent game of their young players Rajesh, Sudhanshu, etc. However Jamuna never gave up hope and after the initial despair paved their way back into the match. At the breather Krishna led by just 8 points. In the second half with the help of Sidhant's ball handling, Dharminder's excellent

shooting and Anurag's attacking game Jamuna was able to wrest the initiative from Krishna. Soon they were leading by a margin of 8 points. It was a tremendous fightback by the Jamuna team. The Krishna players were frustrated and took this out on their opponents. As a result three of their players Rajesh, Sanjay and Prakash were out with 5 fouls. In the dying minutes Krishna began repairing the damage and narrowed the lead to just 2 points. Sudhanshu then converted an amazing 3 pointer which put Krishna back into the lead. In the final seconds Anurag converted a shot just as the whistle blew. The Jamunakites thought that they had won the match but then the referee awarded the well fought match to Krishna saying that the shot was converted after the whistle. It was a fitting finale.

Man of the Match : Sudhanshu Mishra

Most Promising Player : Neil Grant

Find of the Tournament : Rishi Chopra

Man of the Tournament : Anurag Kumar.

## COLOURS

CRICKET - Deepak Kataria, Kabeer Bajaj,  
Prashant Kochhar.

SOCCER - Deepak Kataria, Rajnish Goswami,  
Vikrant Lamba, Anurag Kumar

ATHLETICS - Aziz Rawat, Sharib Khan, Anshul  
Anurag, Rohit Sinha, Shailendra Sharma,  
Vijit Singh, Anurag Kumar.

TENNIS - Ranjeet Bedi, Dhruv Sehgal.

Deepak Kataria was awarded the games scarf for the year 1991.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed,

Of, late, *The Oliphant* has definately improved 'qualitativly'. Impressed! However as a well wisher and critic, I suspected plagiarism---clarify. - Black and White.

*Editor*-It is not likely that anyone ever had a totally original idea. He may put together old ideas into a new combination, but the elements acquired are from other people. Without many borrowed ideas there would be no invention, no new movements or anything else that is classed as new.

# हिन्दी अनुभाग

## गंजों की दुनिया में

हाथ फेरते हुए मैंने अपना सिर ऊपर उठाया, मेरी नजरें भीषे की तरफ गड़ी रह गयी। मेरी गंजी खोपड़ी बल्ब के प्रकाश से चमक रही थी, मेरे बाल नीचे बिखरे हुए थे और मेरे हृदय में बिखरे हुए थे और मेरे हृदय में अजीब सी हलचल थी। मुझे एक अनोखा पहसास हो रहा था क्योंकि आज मैंने गंजों की दुनिया में प्रवेश कर लिया था।

दोस्तों में तो यह खबर आग की तरह फैल गई। शेर और शायरी होने लगी, चुटकले बनने लगे और इन सबका विषय बनी मेरी मासूम टींड। मैं खुद उनके लिए अब हँसी का विषय बन चुका था। मेरे सिर के खुले मैदान पर बैठकर वह अपने तीखे तथा चुभन भरे चुटकले मारते और मैं अपनी दयनीय सूरत उनकी तरफ करके कुछ भी न कह पाता परन्तु फिर भी मुझ पर कोई रहम न खाता।

मेरी एक ही क्रीड़ा ने मुझे एक कड़क व्यक्ति की जगह से उठाकर जोकर का दर्जा दे दिया था। फिर मेरे दुख भरे रेगिस्तान में खुशी के अंकुर फूटे। मैं बस में सफर कर रहा था। एक सुन्दर युवती मेरे से पिछली वाली सीट पर बैठ गई। उसके बगल में कुछ लड़के बैठे थे और वह लड़की के बारे में अजीब अजीब बातें कर रहे थे। लड़की मेरे पास आई और मुस्कुरा कर बैठ गई। मेरा दिल तो जोर-जोर से धड़कने लगा, मैं मन ही मन सोच रहा था कि क्या सूरत से इतना शरीफ लगता हूँ। मैं उससे पूछना चाहता था परन्तु साहस नहीं बना और मैं चुप रहा। अगले मोड़ पर बस रुकी और वह खड़ी होकर मुस्कुरा कर बोली 'थैंक्यू अंकल आपकी गंजी खोपड़ी बिल्कुल मेरे पिताजी जैसी है।' यह कहकर वह चली गई और वह जादिल लड़के जोर से हँस पड़े। मैंने शर्म के मारे अपना सिर हाथों से छिपा लिया, मेरी तो मानो दुनिया उजड़ गई थी, मेरी मानो जैसे नहया डूब गई। उस

लड़की ने एक ही 'डायलाग' में मुझे युवक से बूढ़ा बना दिया और मैं मन ही मन अपने को कोसता रहा क्योंकि टकलों की दुनिया में मेरा प्रवेश उपयुक्त नहीं था।

## मजेदार सपना

एक रात जब बहुत डरावनी आवाजें सुनाई दे रहीं थी और बहुत वर्षा हो रही थी। हमारे घर के सभी सदस्य गहरी नींद में सो रहे थे। तभी एक चीख सुनाई दी और मैं हड़बड़ा कर उठ गया। मेरे सामने ही कोई दूत खड़ा था। उसके हाथ में एक कागज और कलम थी। उसने कहा, "भगवान तुम्हारी दयालुता से बड़े प्रसन्न हैं और आपको बुलाया है।" थोड़ी ही देर में एक सोने का रथ आया और हम उसमें सवार होकर स्वर्ग में आ गए।

वहाँ मैंने देखा सभी बहुत खुश नज़र आ रहे थे। कोई दूसरे के लिए काम नहीं कर रहा था पर मिलकर रह रहे थे। उसके बाद मैं भगवान के महल में गया। वहाँ मेरा खूब स्वागत-सत्कार किया गया। खूब सारे स्वादिष्ट भोजन खाने को मिले। खाने के बाद जब मैं उठा तो मैं सैर करने निकल पड़ा। वहाँ देखा ज़रा भी गंदगी नहीं थी। शाम को वापस आया और खाना खाया। इतना स्वादिष्ट था कि किसी ने कभी नाम भी न सुना हो। थोड़ी देर बाद मैं सोने चला गया। बिस्तर इतना मुलायम था कि थोड़ी देर बार मैं गहरी नींद में सो रहा था।

सुबह जब उठा तो मैंने देखा कि मैं एक कमरे में बंद हूँ। इसलिए मैं बहुत रोया। थोड़ी देर बाद मेरी माँ आई और मुझे उठाते हुए पूछा कि मैं क्यों रो रहा हूँ तो मेरी माँ न कहा ऐसा कुछ नहीं हुआ है और तुम सिर्फ सपना देख रहे थे। इस पर मैं बहुत खुश हुआ।

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